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R. L. Pugh, 33°

"The Dedication Reunion" will begin in just a few days after you have received this copy of the BAGPIPE. Our plans for a tremendous Reunion have been completed and we are looking forward to those three days, hoping that we can intensify the enthusiasm and interest that already have been so pronounced!

We have had some excellent and stimulating reports from all areas of our Valley and these reports convince us that we will have the largest class that we have had in many a year.

We have some additional features for this "Dedication Reunion" which are scheduled and we would like for as many of our Brethren as possible to be present for these activities. First of all, our Awards Night, during the Tuesday evening dinner hour, will feature a presentation of fifty-year Veterans caps to some of our Brethren who have become eligible. It will also feature the presentation of 32° jewelled caps and Service Award Medals to those of our industrious Brethren who earned them last season.

As another interesting feature of our Reunion, we feel deeply honored in being able to present to our Brethren our dynamic Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, Most Worshipful Brother Leslie H. Garner, 33°. Brother Garner was elected as Grand Master during our annual communication in Raleigh last April and he has most vigorously pursued his duties as head of the Masonic fraternity. By the time you read this, he will have completed a District meeting in every district in North Carolina - a gigantic accomplishment and worthy of his praise. We are proud that our Grand Master is one of our own members and has been serving and continues to serve as the effective Master of our 6°. The Grand Master will speak to our Brethren assembled in the banquet hall during the Wednesday evening banquet hour at 6:30.

Of course we are hopeful that our Inspector General and his charming wife will be with us for this Reunion. As of this writing, he is in the hospital in Charlotte for evaluation, and he was not sure at all that he would be permitted to make the trip to New Bern. We trust he will be able to appear, but nevertheless we want him to know that we continue to pray God's richest blessings upon him and his family. Be sure to read the revolutionary Proclamation on page 3.

We once again would like to direct the attention of all of our Brethren to an important change in our schedule for degree presentation on Thursday. The 30° will be conferred at 9:00 A.M. instead of 9:30 as heretofore. The mid-day lunch will be served at 11:45 A.M. and the 31° will be conferred promptly at 1:00 P.M. instead of 1:30 as heretofore. The 32° will go on at 3:00 P.M., and we hope that in this change the 32° will conclude about 4:00 or 4:30. This will permit our Brethren to return to their homes in the early evening, thus complying with the request so many of them have made during previous Reunions.

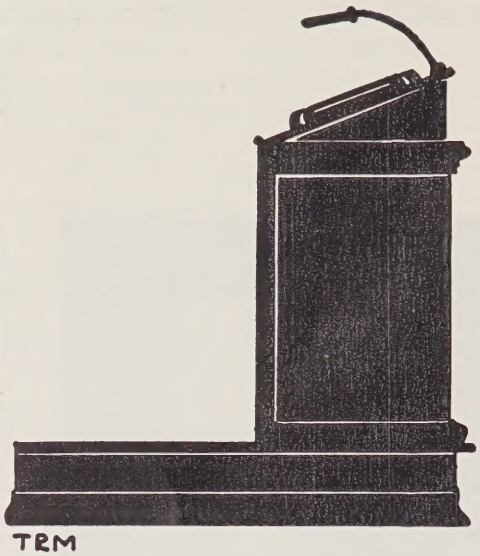
In the meantime, there are still a few days left for you to contact your prospective candidate. You will be glad to know, that assisting us in these contacts are many of the ladies who were members of the last "Wives of the Candidates" class during our Spring Reunion. These ladies were so enthusiastic about the degrees their husbands had received that they wanted other wives to share this same high privilege and they are busy contacting their friends whose husbands are eligible for the degrees. This type of enthusiasm we heartily welcome.

Brethren, let's use the remaining days to our best advantage.

Sincerely,

R. L. Pugh

Robert L. Pugh, 33°
Secretary



From The Classroom

BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

WHAT IS THE MISSION OF THE SCOTTISH RITE?

Our Order is more than a fraternity of good fellows, engaged in the benevolent practices of friendships and relief. It is a militant order, a Knighthood, devoted to the cause of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity.

To establish righteousness and ordain mercy, to protect the weak and combat all dogmas that would imprison the human spirit: this is the mission of Scottish Rite Masonry.

The Scottish Rite seeks to cultivate in the hearts of men, personal morality and the sentiment of tolerance and fraternity. What has been said and done by the historic emancipators for the liberation of the human mind is vividly portrayed in its Degree and the Scottish Rite Mason is dedicated to the effort to make the spirit of Masonry regnant in society.

Albert Pike, 33°, the famous Masonic scholar, in 1858 said: "This is the Masonic Creed: Believe in God's infinite benevolence, wisdom and justice; hope for the final triumph of good over evil, and for perfect harmony as the final result of all the concords and discords of the Universe; and be charitable as God is, towards the errors, the follies and faults of men; for all are one Brotherhood." This is the teaching of the Scottish Rite.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL TAKES REVOLUTIONARY AND COURAGEOUS STEP

Our Inspector General, James G. Johnston, 33°, on October 1, 1976 issued a Proclamation to all of the Scottish Rite Valleys in North Carolina. In this step our Ill. Brother Johnston completely eliminated all jurisdictional lines in the Scottish Rite Valleys of North Carolina. The one exception included in this Proclamation calls upon each Valley to honor and respect the county boundary lines of the home county of each Consistory in North Carolina.

This Proclamation was not done without much forethought and a great deal of study on the part of the Inspector General and to give you some idea of the reasons for the ruling we are printing the entire Proclamation:

Memorandum and Proclamation issued to:
Chairmen of the Inspector General's Advisory Conference;
And, to the Secretary of each Valley of the Rite
in North Carolina.

Esteemed Brethren:

Immediately prior to the spring 1976 Reunions - specifically on February 27, 1976 - I issued a supplemental order re-defining the jurisdictional lines in the Orient of North Carolina, which lines were originally established in the early 1940's by my predecessor in office, Ill. Thomas J. Harkins, 33°, then Inspector General in North Carolina.

As a result of my 1976 order, I was, as expected, deluged with suggestions for changes in and requests for further revisions of the lines established by that re-defining order. Also anticipated and received as a result of that order were innumerable requests for waivers of territorial jurisdiction, many of which were granted by me because of the short time remaining between the date of the order and the commencement of the spring Reunions. Logically and with understandable reason practically every request for a waiver was accompanied by a statement that the petitioner for one reason or another declined or refused to petition the Valley of the Rite in whose established jurisdicition he resided.

Now, with the approaching fall Reunions, the requests for waivers are again reaching flood stage. Only yesterday the Secretary of one of our Valleys called and requested waivers over two Master Masons resident of a county outside of his jurisdiction who refused to petition the Bodies of the Rite in whose jurisdiction they resided. During the same conversation he read to me a letter from the Secretary of a Blue Lodge in which the Secretary of the Blue Lodge sought permission for five (5) of his Lodge members to petition his Scottish Rite Bodies. All five men were reported by the Blue Lodge Secretary to have refused also to petition the Bodies in whose jurisdiction they were domiciled. All seven qualified and worthy Master Masons were given permission by me to petition the Valley of their choice.

Many similar requests have come to me from across the state with forceful argument for abandonment of the jurisdictional system.

I have tried but I cannot in conscience refuse legitimate requests for waivers for I cannot in conscience deny qualified Master Masons the privilege of applying for and having the philosophy of our Rite gladly and happily extended to them, which, in reality, is the reason for the existence of every Valley of the Rite in this and every Orient in the Southern Jurisdiction. We stray from the right when and if we deny to any worthy Master Mason the beautiful teachings of our Rite solely for the pecuniary protection of any one or more Valleys of the Rite

Jurisdictional lines not only remove the teaching of our Rite from the reach of many who would otherwise join our ranks, but their establishment and attempted enforcement have created bitter and rankling resentment on the part of many active and energetic members of the Rite, a condition which has no place anywhere in Scottish Freemasonry.

In times past I have inquired of practically all Inspectors General and Deputies of the Supreme Council their position on jurisdictional division; in only a few instances do they have their Orients divided into exclusive territories and when they have acted to set up exclusive lines they did so primarily for the temporary protection of newly organized Valleys of the Rite in their Orients.

In light of these facts and the acknowledged truth that the North Carolina Masonic population has shifted drastically over the years, and recognizing, too, that Symbolic Masonry was at a low ebb in 1940, and that presently a vast majority of our Symbolic Lodges are active and producing anual numerical gains in their membership rolls, I have concluded that jurisdictional division of our aggressive Orient is no longer necessary or desirable. Therefore, I am issuing herewith the following official announcement which is to become effective at once.

From the date of this advice, jurisdictional lines in the Orient of North Carolina heretofore established and amended by proper authority are abandoned, and any worthy Master Mason whose Masonic membership rests in a Symbolic Lodge recognized as legitimate by the Grand Lodge of A.F. & .A.M. of North Carolina and a resident of the State of North Carolina as required by the statutes of the Supreme Council, 33°, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., may petition any Valley of the Rite in the Orient of North Carolina for the Degrees of the Rite, 4th through the 32nd inclusive; provided, however, that no Valley of the Rite in North Carolina shall accept or act upon any petition for the Degrees from any person resident of a county in which another Valley of the Rite is located without first obtaining written approval of such reception and action from the Inspector General or Deputy of the Supreme Council.

This established system herein proclaimed shall remain in force and effect until rescinded or amended by persons authorized to make such rescission or amendment.

Done at Newton, N. C., this the 30th day of September, 1976.

James, G. Johnston, 33°
Sovereign Grand Inspector General in North Carolina

A BIT OF NOSTALGIA

Over the river and thru the wood,
To Grandmother's house we go;
The horse knows the way
To carry the sleigh,
Thru the white and drifted snow . . .
Over the river and thru the wood,
Trot fast, my dapple gray;
Spring over the ground
Like a hunting hound,
For this is Thanksgiving Day! . . .
Over the river and thru the wood,
Now Grandmother's cap I spy!
Hurrah for the fun,
Is the pudding done?
Hurrah for the pumpkin pie!

Lydia Maria Child

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Speaking In Quotes: By the time a man gets to greener pastures, he can't climb the fence. —Rex Moblay

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Coffee break: The only 15 minutes in the morning when the help stops doing nothing. —Theodore Rubin

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A fool and his credit card are some party. —Will Conway

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The boy who used to dream of growing up so he could shave, now has a son who dreams of growing up so he can shave on TV in a World Series.

—Ralph Duncan

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If you think people don't read what you write, just try repeating a joke you wrote last month.

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Anyone who thinks he knows all the answers isn't up to date on the questions.

—Frank Lawrence

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The man who likes to shoulder his responsibilities never has room for a chip.

—O. A. Battista

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Speaking With the Ladies: Some women sweep dirt under the rug. Others swap it over the fence. —J. C. Salak

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Some women take a man to the cleaners as soon as they spot him.

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A woman with a past attracts men who hope history will repeat itself.

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The cute young trick thought she had a sure winner the other day at the track. The tote board listed her horse as starting at 25 to 1, and she knew the race didn't begin until 1:00 P.M.

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An engaging but somewhat vacant young lady we met recently thought "vice versa" meant dirty poems.

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Before you allow yourself to fall in love with a pair of bright eyes, make sure it's not just the sun shining through the back of her head.

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A fashion expert we know tells us that miniskirts are really quite functional, because they enable girls to run faster - and when they wear them, they have to.

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Women who insist on wearing the pants frequently discover that it is the other women who are wearing the chinchilla.

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Generally speaking, women are.

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Speaking In Jest: Sinking uneasily into the depths of the psychiatrist's couch, the patient sighed, "Doctor, I have a problem." He loosened his collar and continued, "I've got one son in Harvard and another at Yale. I've just gifted them with twin Ferraris. I have a town house on upper Fifth Avenue and a summer home at Easthampton and a sprawling ranch in Venezuela."

"Well!" smiled the psychiatrist, obviously impressed. "Either I missed something or you really don't have a problem."

"Doc", the harried chap croaked, "I only make seventy-five dollars a week."

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It was tea-time in the pad, and the air hung heavily in thick blue folds as the beat bunch and their tourist friends lit up. Suddenly, a loud voice in the hall demanded that they open the door in the name of legality. The smokers frantically gathered their still-smoking weeds and stuffed them in the cuckoo clock. The police entered, searched diligently, found nothing and left. The bunch breathed a sigh of relief and made for the cuckoo clock just as the hands announced three A.M. The little door popped open, the bird poked his head out and said, "Hey mannn, what time is it?"

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The spirited bidding at an exclusive jewelry auction was stopped temporarily when the auctioneer held up his hand and announced:

"One of the gentlemen in the audience has lost his wallet containing ten thousand dollars. He has asked me to tell you that he is offering a reward of five hundred dollars for its immediate return - no questions asked."

There was a brief hush in the hall, then a voice from the back was heard: "Five twenty-five!"

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Two industrial robots decided to leave their factory to investigate some of the human pleasures they had heard about. After several hours of individual exploration, one noticed the other standing on a corner in front of a mailbox and a fire-alarm box.

"Looks like we're going to get some action," said the new arrival, crossing the street.

"Forget it," answered the other, "The dumpy green one doesn't say a word, and as soon as you touch the red one, she screams her head off."

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Overheard in a swanky sports-car salon: "This model has a top speed of a hundred and fifty-five miles per hour, and she'll stop on a dime."

"What happens then?"

"A small putty knife emerges and scrapes you gently off the windshield."

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The highway patrolman stopped a speeding car and, noticing the driver's drunken condition, delivered a stern lecture on the dangers of drunken driving. "Do you realize that you were going over seventy-five miles per hour?" the officer demanded.

"I know, the driver explained. "I want to get home before I have an accident."

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Speaking From His Book: Let not the sun go down upon your wrath.

Ephesians 4:26

THANKSGIVING TIME

Thanksgiving time is a thankful time.
A time to say, "Thanks be to God."
For the daffodils in the early Spring,
For the colored Fall, flaming goldenrod,
For the winter time, and the pure white snow,
And the summer birds that sing.
Thanksgiving time is a time to say
Thanks be to God for everything.

Thanks be to God for everything,
For the miracle of the morn',
For the planting time, for the harvest time,
For the fields of yellow corn,
For the clear, cool streams, the rivers wide,
For the oceans blue, and green.
Thanksgiving time is a time to say
Thanks be to God for everything.

Thanksgiving time, thanks be to God
Is the prayer we all should pray,
Then do our best to bring about
A good Thanksgiving Day.
For God has given us his best.
Our freedom bell still rings.
Thanksgiving time is a time to say
Thanks be to God for everything.

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SOMETHING ELSE

Reynold Davenport, 33°

There are some things Mary Frances will not do alone. One of these is the renewal of her driving license.

Now I don't know why this is. She never has any problem doing it. She has never been charged with a traffic violation, so she is required only to verify that she can still see, walk and talk. I lend no asistance to any of these functions and what I do mostly is sit and watch and squirm and share her delight when the ordeal is successfully terminated.

Her most recent renewal was just a few weeks ago. I had to stop what I was doing and go with her - as usual. The first thing we discovered was that we should have gone earlier in the morning. We had waited late enough that everyone in Wake County had time to congregate there. An amazingly large portion had availed themselves of the opportunity.

Mary Frances reported in and her name was duly entered at the bottom of the waiting list. Then the receptionist asked what she could do for me and I told her that my particular situation could not be alleviated by any of the means at her disposal, and I heaved a long sigh. She raised her eyebrows at me, cast Mary Frances a sympathetic glance, and turned to the next applicant.

All the applicants sat at these little chair-desk things and those taking the written tests could be observed to sweat profusely. Some of them would sit with pencils poised in mid-air, as if they were waiting to impale an errant cockroach. Some gazed hopefully, even imploringly, at the ceiling - with no tangible results, that I perceived. Every now and then one of them would make a hesitant sort of mark on the test paper, then hurriedly erase it and look furtively around to see who may have been watching. I got caught several times because that was all I had to do - watch.

There was a cute little sixteen-year-old just ahead of Mary Frances, and she was trying for her first license. You just never saw anyone so apprehensive as that little girl. Every now and then she'd look frantically around for her mother, who always managed to be right close by with a reassuring smile. When an examiner asked the girl to go out for her road test she looked as if she was being led off to the gallows.

There was another lady there who was

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

quite young from my point of view, although she was well past sixteen. Her attitude was mostly haughty. The tilt of her nose indicated her contempt for a law that required her to obtain her license at the same place with the common people. She sat rather tentatively on the edge of her seat, waiting for her picture to develop, and she publicly announced she was already late for an *important* engagement.

A man came in who could not speak English. I don't think he had even learned to say hello. All he had with him was his passport and a friend who spoke a bare smidgen of broken English.

Another man could not read or write, so they had to give him an oral test. This was of great interest to the general audience, a welcome diversion. Those still taking written tests were particularly interested, all of them straining their eardrums to see if they could hear something useful.

The little girl came back from her road test and smiled triumphantly at her mother. Then she sat down to await the next ordeal and gradually resumed her doomsday look.

The man who couldn't speak English, aided and abetted by his interpreter, was still giving the receptionist a high old time. She couldn't understand them, they couldn't understand her, and the three of them were making so much noise you couldn't even hear the answers of the man who couldn't read or write.

The haughty lady's picture somehow got messed up and she had to pose for another one. Her nose got decidedly tiltier and all of us heard some more about the important engagement she was overdue for.

I eavesdropped on any number of the conversations constantly in progress all around me. People get real comradely while sharing misery. One man was telling another about a lady in his neighborhood who didn't like the picture on her license. He said she would lose the license every few weeks and go in for a duplicate - hoping to eventually get a picture that satisfied. He said this went on for months and months and he reckoned she must have spent over a hundred dollars for duplicates before she ever got a picture that passed muster.

The man who couldn't read or write passed his test and all the pencil-wielders went back to cockroach-stalking and ceiling-gazing.

Another picture of the haughty lady got messed up and some of us thought she might really explode, which event would no doubt have proven incommodious to all the people waiting for her at the important engagement.

The sixteen-year-old passed everything in fine style. Hurray! She and her mother exchanged looks of perfect ecstasy all the way out the door.

One elderly gentleman was told his license was ready and when he looked at his picture he just stood there and laughed. He started to say something to the examiner, but apparently thought better of it and just chuckled his way on out.

The third picture of the haughty lady came out OK and she was accordingly notified. She stalked forward, snatched her license from the examiner, gave vent to a loud and somewhat profane opinion of his picture-making ability, and hurried off to the important engagement.

Mary Frances came through with her usual flying colors and if you don't believe she was happy about it you just ought to see her license picture.

As we were leaving the room the man who couldn't speak English was still waving his passport and entertaining the receptionist.

I now enter a four-year grace period.

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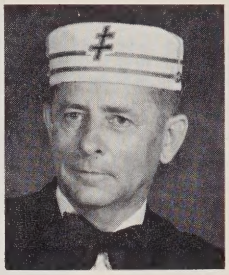

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REUNION ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, November 9, 1976

10:00 A.M.— 4°—Secret Master. Charles T. Potter, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by M. D. Opphile, H. L. Lundy, Marshall Harvey and Lee K. Allen. K. Allen.

10:45 A.M.— 5°—Perfect Master. Jack Edwards, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by C. W. Guptill, Dewey Gillikin, Leroy Price, H. L. Lundy, W. C. Kellum, Bill Stovall, T. H. Miller and Irvin Garrish.

11:45 A.M.— 6°—Confidential Secretary. Leslie H. Garner, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by W. J. Rogers, Chas. P. Gaskins and Paul Jewett.

12:15 P.M.— 7°—Provost and Judge. W. I. Gause, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by S. Frank Noble, L. L. Parker, M. D. Opphile, R. L. Pugh and Bill Stovall.

1:00 P.M. —Luncheon.

2:15 P.M.— 8°—Intendant of Building. Earl Noe, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by C. F. Lewis, S. C. Chadwick, Jr., Dallas Willis, Sam Taylor and Tom Carraway.

3:00 P.M.— 9°—Elu of Nine. Robert Ray Harrison, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by M. D. Opphile, H. J. MacDonald, H. W. Gillikin, Guy Langston, L. T. Barrington, Marshall Harvey, Coy Wetherington, Elijah Cannon, Gus Laube and W. C. Kellum.

4:00 P.M.—10°—Elu of Fifteen. C. W. Guptill, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Bill Blair, Neil Vester, Eddie Paul, Jr., J. L. Ashley, Jerry T. Whitford, H. C. Lilly, Dusty Rhoades, Royce Jordan, Garland E. Taylor and John H. Lilly.

4:45 P.M.—11°—Elu of Twelve. Charles H. Whedbee, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Paul Jewett, Clyde Stubbs, Neil Vester, Eddie Paul, Jr., William C. Kellum and Elmer Burroughs.

12°—Communicated.

5:45 P.M.—13°—Royal Arch of Solomon. Bill Blair, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Wilmer Chesson, Jack G. White, Pete Thomas and E. P. Blair.

6:30 P.M. —Dinner. Awards' Night.

Program Scottish Rite Reunion (Cont.)

7:30 P.M.—14°—Perfect Elu. Marshall Harvey, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Wm. R. Waters, C. W. Guptill, James E. Blaylock, Tommy Phelps, Bob Divoky, Howard B. Constant, Jack Edwards, William N. Vestal, Jr., Jerry Stapleford, Oscar Kafer, III and Billy Haire.

Wednesday, November 10, 1976

9:15 A.M.—15°—Knight of the East. G. C. Langston, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by A. T. Willis, Jr., Wilmer Chesson, Chas. T. Potter, O. J. Aldridge, C. Wallace Jackson, Al Hearren, Dusty Rhoades, Richard P. Geary, Lee Gearhart, Tom McCree, Billy Haire, Jesse Vail and Gus Laube.

16°—Communicated.

11:15 A.M.—17°—Knight of the East and West. Nelson Banks, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Ashley G. Leggett, Pete Thomas, Edward Ray Edwards, Roy Edwards, Lloyd Nixon, Karl Van Horn and Jim Coile.

12:00 M. —Luncheon

1:15 P.M.—18°—Knight of Rose Croix. A. T. Willis, Jr., 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by S. A. McPherson, Jr., R. L. Pugh, Eddie Paul, Jr. and Wm. R. Waters.

19°—Communicated.

3:30 P.M.—20°—Master of Symbolic Lodge. Rev. Allen C. Edens, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Alex Arab, William P. Jackson, Warren H. Coolidge, Clifford C. Duell, Joe Dryden, R. Hoyt Randall and Delmon Turner.

4:45 P.M.—21°—Noachite or Prussian Knight. John G. Ormsby, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Kermit Guthrie, R. L. Pugh, W. H. Scott, Guy C. Langston, C. T. Potter, Johnny West, Marshall Harvey and Oscar Aldridge.

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5:30 P.M.—26°—Prince of Mercy. Reynold S. Davenport, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by J. C. Vail, G. E. Roberts, Louie J. Smith, Charles W. Summerlin, Angus D. Hatsell, Royden Caulk, Frank A. Smith, Thomas W. McCree, F. N. Yopp and Jesse Sellers.

6:30 P.M. —Dinner. Greetings from our Grand Master.

7:30 P.M.—27°—Knight Commander of the Temple. E. W. Paul, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Neil Vester, Oscar Sermons, W. R. Newell, A. T. Willis, Jr., Wm. R. Waters, W. H. Scott, Bill Blair, William N. Vestal, Jr., Elwood Cayton, Roger Dalton, Tommy Phelps and Harold Mills.

28°—Communicated.

8:45 P.M.—29°—Scottish Knight of St. Andrew. Francis W. Clark, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Clinton E. Bunch, Samuel A. McPherson, Jr., Walter T. Kirby, Wilbourne M. Smith, Irvin Weatherly, L. T. Barrington, Everett Brothers, Carlice Williams, Theron Dabbs, Wilton Walker, Jr., Herbert Lang, Stuart Horner and Lester Spruill.

Thursday, November 11, 1976

9:00 A.M.—30°—Knight Kadosh.
1st Apartment: Walter Kirby, 33°, Master. Assisted by Clifton White and Francis W. Clark.
2nd Apartment: James H. Bailey, 32°, Master. Assisted by E. Herndon Alexander.
3rd Apartment: Dennis Boyette, 32°, Master. Assisted by E. S. Sasser, T. Bruce Boyette, Cecil Boyette, Clifton Matthews, Mark L. Ellis and Walter Lamm.
4th Apartment: Carl Aycock, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master. Assisted by Claude A. Anthony, E. S. Sasser and Herman L. Barnes.

11:45 A.M. —Luncheon.

1:00 P.M.—31°—Inspector Inquisitor. L. T. Barrington, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Francis W. Clark, C. Wallace Jackson, A. N. Heath, Reynold S. Davenport, Eddie Paul, Jr., Chas. T. Potter, Warren H. Coolidge, Pete Thomas, Johnny West, Oscar Aldridge, Charles Dickinson, Neil Vester and Gus Laube.

3:00 P.M.—32°—Master of Royal Secret. Wm. R. Leggett, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Donald Hinds, Lee Dorsey, Kirby Hawkins, Jimmy Rochelle, Johnnie Braxton, John D. Charlton, Amos Leggett, Robert Dawson, Carroll Mercer, Marvin Kornegay, Ronald C. Wall, C. W. Guptill and Gus Laube.

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Many people are religious enough to feel that there must be a God and that the only simple procedure is to pause occasionally to show this God a certain amount of consideration - a sort of nod, if you please. There are thank offerings that seem to smack of payola! They may be made with folded hands and bowed heads and subdued voices. They may be offered in the name of kindness and gratitude. So often many approach Thanksgiving in the belief that if he offers something to God he is going to get something back in return. Real living is not a bargain table where men make deals with God and haggle over terms. Rather God is continually offering us a bargain - and now we are using that word "bargain" in a different term sense. The bargain is this: God gives more than we could ever ask or think. He grants eternal life to all. Here is the very heart of Thanksgiving celebrations and observances. We are given because God loves us so much. He is the source of real joy, hope. He provides everlasting life and daily bread.

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Every day God loves so much that he gives. This has been true ever since the creation. Every day is a day of grace - whether we go back to the Garden of Eden - to Bethlehem - or stay right in our own town or community. We can never catch up to God in the matter of giving - much less ahead of Him. With Job of old we must say "Who ever made a gift to Him to receive a gift in return?"

Thanksgiving in America is traditionally a kind of harvest festival. We thank God especially for the fruit of the field and daily bread. As he nurtured the children of Israel with manna, God nourishes us with the fruit of the fertile fields. The Jewish people are eternally grateful for the marvelous manner in which God provided for their fathers. The manna which Moses gave the people was really a gift from God - as is our daily bread today.

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IMPORTANT CHANGE IN "WIVES OF THE CANDIDATES PROGRAM"

We have been forced to change the schedule of the "Wives of the Candidates Program" which we have heretofore followed and, at least for this forthcoming Reunion, we will use the following schedule:

Tuesday

9:00 A.M. to
10:00 A.M. Register in Scottish Rite Temple, Hancock and Johnson Street, New Bern, N. C. Lovely souvenir for each candidate's lady who attends the Reunion.
11:00 A.M. Leave for Camp LeJeune.
12:00 M. Lunch - Camp LeJeune.
1:00 P.M. Tour of Camp LeJeune.
6:30 P.M. Dinner at Temple.

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Tour of New Bern's famous 67 points of historic interest.
12:00 M. Lunch - Scottish Rite Temple.
2:00 P.M. Tour of Morehead City, Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, Fort Macon, Emerald Isle, Spooners Creek, and Swansboro (quaint fishing village with colonial atmosphere).
6:30 P.M. Dinner at Scottish Rite Temple.

Thursday

9:15 A.M. Tour of Tryon's Palace and its formal 18th Century Gardens.
11:45 A.M. Lunch - Scottish Rite Temple.

FREE TIME and AFTERNOON DEPARTURE

So today - and especially on Thanksgiving Day - we thank God for His gifts to us. We do so not with ulterior motives; but we do so because we are eternally grateful for everything that comes into our life. The poet caught the real strain when he expressed it thusly:

Big things like forgiveness and
little things like cool springs of water and beautiful trees.
Big things like comfort in times of trouble and
little things like children singing.
Big things like hope in the face of death because He brings victory.
Little things like clean sheets and warm homes.
Big things like love of our parents, children and each other,
little things like a baby's smile and football games.
Big things like the Bread of Life
and little things like pumpkin pie and turkey and cake.

Isn't it great that God is like that? He gives without our merit or worthiness. Isn't it great to live in a world of His - even if men mess it up at times? Isn't it just great that He loves people like me and like you? Isn't it great to hear Him say day after day, "Here, this is for you!"

Thanksgiving is praise indeed! Yes, in word and deed. Let us praise and thank Him forever. "Thanks be to God for all things both great and small.'

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Robert Safrit, 33° Honored In Carteret County

On September 20, 1932, exactly 44 years ago, Robert W. Safrit, now deceased, opened Safrit Lumber Co. on the Lennoxville Road in Beaufort. Since the lumber mill was sold last year, the name has been modified to Safrit's East Hardwood Co., denoting that the firm is now thriving as a building supply selling everything needed to build except plumbing and electrical fixtures.

The company is still located on the Lennoxville Road adjacent to what was the site of the lumber mill.

"We were sort of like the roving Hebrews. We moved around a lot since my father spent all his life in the lumber business," says Robert W. Safrit, Jr., 67, of Beaufort. "We got a chance to buy some acres of timberland, and so we came down here."

The Safrits had come "down here" from Mount Gilead. The first time they came to Beaufort that Mr. Safrit recalls was two years prior to 1932, on a particularly cold night in January 1930 when he, his father and his brother, also deceased, came to Beaufort to look at timberland.

They stayed in the Davis House on Front Street, which at that time was a hotel operated by Mrs. Sara Duncan's late father, James Rumley.

Mr. Safrit recalls that he nearly froze that night because it was so cold. He remembers watching Mr. Rumley throw a Grit magazine into a tin heater to get a fire going that would warm up the room. He also remembers going downstairs the next morning and being served rice, grits and spots for breakfast.

"Being hillbillies, this was very unusual for us, and my father remarked about this," he says.

But his father looked around and liked what he saw because two years later he returned with his family and went into the sawmill business.

"It was the height of the depression then, but he started to build the lumber mill on the Lennoxville Road where they had mixed sand with asphalt when the Beaufort streets had been paved in 1926," he continues.

Robert Safrit, Jr., seated, and Leonard Safrit, Jr., head up Safrit's East Hardwood Co., an outgrowth of Safrit Lumber Co., which observed its 44th anniversary as one of the county's long term continuing businesses. The building supply firm, stil located on the Lennoxville Road in the Beaufort town limits adjacent to the site of the former lumber mill, sells everything in the way of building materials.

Operating costs were quite lower than they were now. Mr. Safrit, who joined the firm two years later, in 1934, recalls that they were paying $3 for a thousand logs, $3 to have the logs hauled from the forests and $3 to saw, dress and dry the lumber in the mill, for a total of $9.

"Sometimes we could sell that - 1,000 board feet - for $10. Now we're retailing it for $230.

Until about 1943, the trees were cut with a crosscut saw which was wielded by two men, one on either end. Then the chain saw was introduced. "Even though it took two men to handle it, they could cut more than four teams of two men each who were using the crosscut saw," Mr. Safrit notes, pointing out that gasoline was available to run the chain saws because lumber processing was a critical industry during the war years.

At that time, most of the mill's lumber was shipped to Holly Ridge, below Jacksonville, where the Army was building Camp Davis, or to Cherry Point and Camp Lejeune, where the Navy was building two Marine bases.

Wages then were of course lower than they are now. "A man worked then for $1 for a day, and a day was 10 hours long. Now they earn about $3 an hour," Mr. Safrit continues.

"But you could eat, and eat well, for about $2 a week. Steaks were 13 cents a pound, and sugar, cotton and fat meat were 5 cents a pound. It still takes all you have now to live, but man is better satisfied today because he's handling more money. It's a funny thing - what it takes to satisfy a person. Many people back then saved part of what they made, and some do now too, but not very many."

Mr. Safrit's father, Robert Safrit, Sr., died in 1962 at 84, and Mr. Safrit's two brothers, Jack and Leonard, are also deceased. Jack died in 1937, and Leonard died last year.

But the line continues. Leonard Safrit, Jr., 26, joined the company last year.

Reflecting on the past 44 years, Robert Safrit, Jr. remarks, "The people in Carterest County have been very good to us." Indeed they have, but then Safrit's has been very good for Carteret County.

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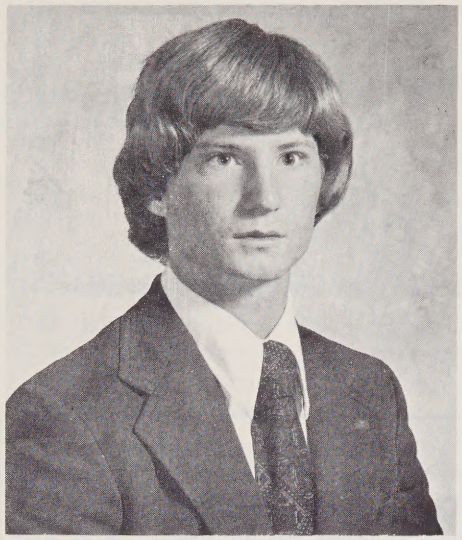
N. C. Boy Becomes DeMolay Champion

Jeffrey Howard Hinson of Wilmington, North Carolina, recently won the National Tournament of Champions Competition in Dallas, Texas. Jeff Hinson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam H. Hinson, was initiated in the Wilmington Chapter Order of DeMolay in May of 1971. He has served as Sentinel, First Preceptor, Marshal, Senior Deacon, Junior Councilor, Senior Councilor and in 1974, served as Master Councilor of the Wilmington Chapter Order of DeMolay. On the state level, he has served as Area Ten Representative, State Chaplain, July '74- July '75, and State Junior Deacon in 1975.

His father, Sam H. Hinson, is a member of Orient Lodge No. 395, A.F.&A.M. of Wilmington, North Carolina.

Jeff graduated from New Hanover High School in June 1974. In his extra curricular activities, he was Homeroom Chairman of the 10th grade, a member of the Amateur Radio Club, a member of the Key Club, the J.V. Football Team, Chemistry Lab Assistant, and while in the 9th grade, was recognized in the National Honor Society. He entered Duke University in the Fall of 1974, where he is presently a rising Junior as a Major B Mechanical Engineer.



JEFFREY HOWARD HINSON

In 1975, Jeff won the State Flower Talk Championship. He travelled to Dallas, Texas, where on April 10, 1976, he entered in competition with State Champions from all over the United States and was selected as the National Tournament of Champions in competition on the Flower Talk, scoring 950 Points out of a possible 1,000 Points. He has been called on numerous occasions to give the Flower Talk in DeMolay Chapters and before other Masonic Organizations, and he is recognized as truly the Champion of Champions wherever he has been.

Jeff is a fine young man, and Masons throughout the State of North Carolina are indeed proud to recognize one who has received such an outstanding honor. We as Masons, extend a hearty congratulations and salute him on this wonderful recognition that he has brought to the State of North Carolina and especially to the Eastern Section.

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SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

NOTICE: TO ALL CLUB PRESIDENTS:

Kindly let us have list of your 1977 Club Officers as soon as they are elected so that we may keep our office records up to date! It is our understanding that these new Officers take over January 1, 1977.

Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club

The Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club held their regular meeting Sunday, October 3rd at the Washington Masonic Lodge on West 5th Street. This was a charcoaled-steak cookout. Herman Jones, Jimmy Saleeby with their wives and Lloyd Nixon served as host. There were thirty-eight members present. President Lloyd Nixon presided and Henry Jones gave the invocation.

A delightful social hour followed the meal.

During the business meeting session, the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were approved. It was suggested that in the future, one person would be appointed to serve as the annual chairman of the supper host committee, this would remove the responsibility from the President. No action was taken.

It was decided to change the meeting hour - the charcoal would be ready at 6 P.M. and the supper would be served at 6:30. The change will be effective Sunday, November 7th.

President Nixon called attention to the Fall Reunion which will be held in New Bern, November 9-11. We are expecting to have at least three candidates from Beaufort County.

Ashley Leggett read excerpts from The New Age and followed by remarks concerning acquisition of new candidates.

Ashley Leggett, Henry Jones and Bud Dowden were appointed as a nominating committee for the 1977 officers. Charles Baldwin and Meyer Libman will host the November 7th charcoal cookout at the Washington Masonic Lodge on West 5th Street.

Ashley G. Leggett, K.C.C.H.

Dare Scottish Rite Club

The Dare Scottish Rite Club met on September 14, 1976 at the Masonic Temple in Manteo, N. C. at 7 P.M. with eleven members present.

The invocation was given by Bro. Wm. T. Beacham, 32°.

The Secretary read the minutes of the July meeting and gave a financial report.

We now have forty paid up members for 1976.

Correspondence and plans for our Ladies' Night meeting to be held at 7 P.M. on October 7, 1976 were discussed.

The club officers were authorized to obtain certificates of life memberships for club members. Such certificates to be awarded by vote of the members.

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and chocolate cake were served by Bro. James Basnight, 32°.

Sincerely,
Bob Wechter, Secretary-Treasurer

East Carteret Scottish Rite Club

The monthly meeting of the East Carteret Scottish Rite Club was held on October 4, 1976 at Franklin Lodge No. 109 in Beaufort, N. C. The meeting was called to order by President Bro. Bert Conner. The invocation was given by Bro. Cicero Lewis, 32°, K.C.C.H. There were eighteen members and three officers present.

The main topic of conversation still centered around our Fall Reunion in November. Some petitions have already been turned in but we are hoping that we will have many more before November 9, 10, and 11. At this point, "The Dedication Reunion" still promises to be one of our largest in recent years.

Tentative plans were discussed for a stag supper to be held in the near future for members and prospective candidates. This will be in addition to our Ladies' Night to be held on October 30, 1976 at the Carteret County Shrine Club building.

After the Benediction by Bro. Harry Willis, 32°, K.C.C.H., the Brethren retired downstairs for some wonderful fellowship and very nice refreshments.

Our next meeting will be on November 1, 1976 at Franklin Lodge No. 109, Turner Street, Beaufort, N. C. Y'all come.

Fraternally,
Ottis R. Jefferson, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer

Grifton Scottish Rite Club

The Grifton Scottish Rite Club resumed meeting Monday, September 13, 1976, after the usual Summer inactivity. Brother M. C. Batten gave the invocation and we all enjoyed charcoal broiled steaks, cooked to order by our President, Brother J. C. Koon, with all the trimmings. Somehow there was one steak short on the grill when we started to eat so Brother Bill Butler flipped a coin with Brother J. C. to see who had to cook another steak for himself. Brother Bill won, so Brother J. C. was a little late in starting his meal. Therefore, when the others were about finished, Brother Bill Butler, our Vice-President, presided for the business meeting, and did an excellent job. There were sixteen present, including two visitors, who were then introduced.

Brothers Henry J. Berry and Milton H. Potter, both of Grifton, are interested in the Scottish Rite degrees, and are prime prospects for the Fall Reunion. Brother Butler emphasized that there are several possible candidates in Grifton and surrounding towns who should be contacted by the members of our club before the Reunion. All who can possibly make it were urged to attend this Reunion, to be held in New Bern.

Our District Deputy Grand Master, Brother W. Bruce Cannon, was present and he made several appropriate remarks concerning Masonry in general. He also mentioned our annual ladies' night which will be held soon and urged that we have a good turn-out in support of our understanding ladies who are so patient with us and support us all the way in our Masonic undertakings.

Brother Butler mentioned a brochure covering the House of the Temple in Washington, and it was voted to purchase 10 copies to be circulated among our members.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year. Brother William W. Butler was moved up from Vice-President to President. Brother Ernest F. (Buddy) Albritton was elected Vice-President and Brother H. Oakley Reynolds, Jr. was re-elected Scribe.

It was decided to raise the cost of the meal to cover the increased cost of food.

Howard O. Reynolds, Jr., 32°
Scribe

Perquimans County Scottish Rite Club

The Perquimans County Scottish Rite Club held a cook-out at Tuck's Beach August 22 with a goodly number of members and candidates. A fine meal was prepared by the members. Steak and onions were plentiful with green salad and sliced tomatoes..

Ladies' Night was planned for early October and a few certain candidates were lined up for the fall.

Fraternally,
C. D. Spivey, Sr., Secretary

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Wilson County Scottish Rite Club

The Wilson County Scottish Rite Club held its regular monthly meeting at Bill's Barbeque and Chicken Restaurant. After a delicious meal the meeting was called to order by Bro. Donald Tomlinson. The Secretary read a letter received by Bro. Carl Aycock, K.C.C.H., in regards to our upcoming reunion and giving instructions to our degree team.

We are to have a slate of officers for 1977 presented at our next meeting.

We had one potential candidate for our next reunion present who was duly recognized at this time.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

J. T. Lamb, Jr.
Secretary & Treasurer

THE SECRETARY'S DREAM

I fell asleep the other night
And while I had my snooze
I dreamed each member stepped right up
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Without them we'd be desolate.
When loved ones slip away.
Possessing them our hearts re-live,
And so — when separation comes,
To bring us bitter loss,
Our memories are precious gifts,
To help bear the cross.

	Date of Death
Buck Eli Rogerson, 32°, Williamston, N. C.	September 7, 1976
Jacob Hoffberg, 32°, Los Angeles, Calif.	September 28, 1976
Edgar Wolfe Wallnau, 32°, New Bern, N. C.	September 29, 1976
Theodore E. Peterson, 14°, Mount Olive, N. C.	April 1, 1976
James R. Lucas, 32°, Wilson, N. C.	June 30, 1976
William Muirhead, 32°, Durham, N. C.	July 29, 1976
William Elliott Street, Jr., 32°, San Diego, Calif.	October 10, 1976
David Marcus Humphrey, 32°, Lewiston, N. C.	September 8, 1976
Joseph Henry Fochler, 32°, New Bern, N. C.	October 12, 1976
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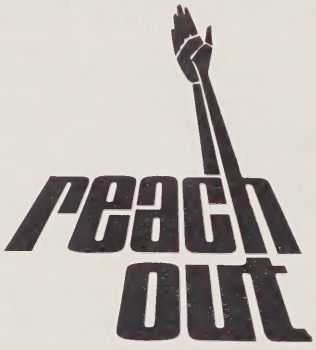

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